

GATHERING

Voluntary: ResurrectionLarry King
Lament - The Rising - The Ecstasy – Reflection

Allegro Festivo.....Michael Keller

Introit: Sing for Joy, O Heavens.....Hal Hopson
Sing for joy, O Heavens; sing for joy, O Earth, for the Lord has risen,
the Lord has triumphed. Alleluia!

† Easter Proclamation
Liturgist: *Christ is risen!*
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

† Processional Hymn No. 302.....Easter Hymn, arr.Wilson
Christ the Lord is Risen Today, verses 1, 3, 4, and 5

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

(Interlude)

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

(Interlude)

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *Today we celebrate Christ’s triumph over death.*
People: **Let us embrace the day with joy.**
Liturgist: *Today, we give thanks for the grace of Christ.*
People: **Let us receive the gift of grace with gratitude.**
Liturgist: *Today, we rest in the hope of Christ’s resurrection.*
People: **Let us welcome the assurance of life beyond life.**

† Call to Confession

† Easter Collect (*in unison*)
God of Hope,
on this day when we have gathered together
to celebrate the joy of Easter,
we acknowledge the depth of our stubbornness and fear.
Forgive us for the ways we have obstructed the power of love
in the face of darkness and despair.

Forgive us for the times
we have failed to tell the good news
in the face of diminishing hope.
Free us of our sin and shame
that we might proclaim with boldness that Christ is Risen,
that death has been defeated,
and that we have new life through Christ.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance
Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**
All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

Voluntary: Psalm of Joy.....Kevin McChesney

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Easter Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
Resurrecting God, open our hearts to your Holy Word so that we may truly understand; and understanding, that we may believe; and believing, that we may follow Jesus Christ in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

† Lesson from the Gospel: Luke 24:1-12.....(pew Bible, page 860)

† Response to the Lessons
Liturgist: *Great is the mystery of the Gospel.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 304: Easter People, Raise Your Voices.....Regent Square

Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to
triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Sermon: Holy Nonsense.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*).....No. 888
This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.
Amen.

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Erin Racine

Salutation
Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Offertory Anthem: A Song to the Lamb.....Gerre Hancock
Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and have their being. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your Blood you have redeemed for God, from every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God. And so to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, be worship and praise, dominion and splendor forever, and forever more. Alleluia! (*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*)

† Doxology.....No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

- † Recessional Hymn No. 303: The Day of Resurrection.....Lancashire
- † Benediction
- † Benediction Response: Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*.....G. F. Handel
- Voluntary: Toccata from *Fifth Organ Symphony*.....Charles-Marie Widor
- † *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

Livestream and video recording happen during our church services and worship events.

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The altar flowers this Easter morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Burton Wilkerson Rice, his mother, Helen Wilkerson Rice, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burton Wilkerson, by Judith, William, and Elizabeth Rice.

In lieu of Sunday School, please join us for Easter Brunch today at 9:45am in the gymnasium. Easter Brunch is the kick-off to our 2019 Habitat for Humanity Fundraising.



Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Sunday Activities

- Service Times*.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
- Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
- College Lunch.....12:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir and Handbell Rehearsals.....12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
- Children’s Choir.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit our website at www.westendumc.org or see the insert.

*Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed, childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112.

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Head Ushers: Byron Burrus (8:45), Barbara Cragg (11:00)

Liturgy: Jayme Yeo

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist. Brass quartet: Jeff Kitchens, trumpet; Emery Hicks, trumpet; Jonathan Warburton, trombone; Roy Agee, trombone. Colleen Phelps, timpani.



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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

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Easter Sunday

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